

Torrance, California  
June 23, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, June 23, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Hanson of the Library Board led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend James Lowen of the Four Square Gospel Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen welcomed Mr. Bill Phillips to the meeting, saying the Council was happy to have him, an ex-Chief of Police, as a member of the audience. He invited Mr. Phillips to be seated in the front row of the Chamber's seats with the City's Department Heads.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Council held June 15, 1959, and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held June 16, 1959, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that bids on the following items will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, June 24, 1959:

- a. Asphaltic Material for Street Paving Work;
- b. Crushed Rock and Screenings;
- c. Concession Service for Parks & Buildings;
- d. Janitorial supplies;
- e. Sporting Goods Equipment;
- f. Gasoline & Diesel Fuel for 1959-60 fiscal year;
- g. Pneumatic Tires & Tubes for 1959-60 fiscal year;

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavits of Publication on these Notices.

There were no objections, and these were ordered accepted and filed.

City Clerk Bartlett announced there were 54 bids to be opened. In order to avoid any question, Councilman Jahn moved the Affidavits of Publication be accepted and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and it was so ordered.

HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the First Hearing on the Budget for the 1959-60 Fiscal Year. He asked anyone who wished to speak to the Council to confine their remarks to 5 minutes.

Councilman Jahn referred to the salary adjustments under consideration by the Council, and asked the City Manager how much they would total for the next year.

The City Manager replied that they would amount to about \$21,000.

Councilman Jahn asked if the 5% general wage increase to the City Employees would not be about \$160,000 and the City Manager said that was correct.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. Charles Oakes, representing the Firemen's and Police-men's Wage Committee, read a prepared statement, as follows:

"Honorable Mayor and Councilmen:

'It is budget time again, and you are faced with the problem of a probable tax increase in order to meet the operating costs of our growing City.

'We trust that you have had time to study the survey that we mailed you. This survey is intended to help you recognize some of our problems and the basis for our requests.

'In the metropolitan newspapers we observed that Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County taxes were raised several cents in order to balance their budgets. We hope that our requests can be met without too great an increase in taxes.

'An example of our citizens' concern for adequate pay for police and firemen was found in our own Torrance Press in the "Letters to the Editor" column, in which these citizens pointed out that they were willing to pay higher taxes as long as police and firemen benefited by this increase.

'Statistics have shown that crime and fire loss in the City of Torrance are very low, considering its size and rapid growth.

'Our Police and Fire Chiefs are doing a wonderful job in our fast-growing City with departments that are unable to grow at a corresponding rate.

'We are hopeful that you gentlemen can find it in your power to adequately compensate policemen and firemen for their devoted service.'

He said they asked for a 10% increase.

Mr. D'Armitt, representing the same group, spoke in support of the longevity plan. He said they had presented a plan last year which could not be granted at that time, but they have submitted it again this year. He said he had read the newspaper articles and had seen no reference to this plan. He asked if the Council had considered it.

Mayor Isen said there had been no discussion among the Councilmen about it.

Mr. D'Armitt said they had asked for a 3-step plan for Longevity, one at 5 years, one at 12 years and one at 19 years.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

Councilman Jahn said he had received the material from the firemen and policemen, and read it and studied it with some interest.

Councilman Beasley had also read and studied this, and asked the City Manager if it had been a City policy to pay for educational units, books, etc., for employees who go to school to improve their ability, and the City Manager replied the City had done this only if the employees were sent to such schools by their Departments.

Mayor Isen asked if any of the Councilmen wished to discuss any other facet of the budget, but got no reply.

Mayor Isen noted that Mr. Don Wilson has been unable to deliver title to the sumps he had tried to get for the City, and has sent us his check for \$30,948.00. The Mayor suggested that money go into the Park Capital Improvement Fund.

Mayor Isen noted that the City Attorney's office is growing, and that this year there will be an Assistant City Attorney. He noted the item of \$20,000 for outside legal services, and believed a good share of that was for the Dominguez litigation. Now that there will be a capable Assistant, the Mayor thought that might be cut in half. He said this sum was listed on Page 38 of the Budget. He felt it might be better to have the Dominguez litigation handled through the City Attorney's office or to make an arrangement on some basis other than the hourly rate now in effect.

Councilman Beasley thought we should drop that legal action; he did not wish to proceed with it.

Mayor Isen did not agree, saying Dominguez had agreed to this, and he felt they should keep their good faith agreement.

Councilman Bradford did not agree with the Mayor, saying the agreement had required approval by the Public Utilities Commission.

Mayor Isen felt that should be only a clerical matter. At any rate, if any of the \$20,000 under discussion could be saved he did not think we should do otherwise.

Mayor Isen pointed out the large Bus Dept. deficit, and said he felt this should be cut in half.

Mayor Isen referred to an item involving stoves, tables, etc., and suggested they be cut out, saying there are stoves in the auditorium which could be used.

Councilman Bradford said these requested are small stoves for the park buildings, and he thought those in the auditorium would be too large.

Mayor Isen said there would have to be a \$110,000 subsidy of the trash and garbage pickup, and he thought there could be an improvement made there.

Mayor Isen referred to a report from Councilman Beasley, saying in the light of that, he thought we would not need both an Equipment Superintendent and a Foreman there.

He thought many other items could be cut and still hold our tax rate at about where it is now. He thought there should be a special meeting on the budget.

Councilman Blount suggested that the Council begin at the very beginning of the budget and work through it systematically rather than jump from page to page.

This was discussed briefly, and the Council agreed to hold such a meeting at 4:30 P. M. Wednesday, June 24, 1959.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard on this, but there was no reply.

Mayor Isen announced that there would be a second hearing on the Budget on Tuesday, June 30, 1959, at 5:30 P. M.

Councilman Jahn moved that the revised salary adjustments as presented here be adopted and presented in the Budget.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mr. D'Armitt, representing the Firemen and Policemen, asked if the adjustments covered only the higher brackets of City employees. He said he asked this question because our policemen and fireman are paid less than those in other cities with which we like to compare ourselves.

Mayor Isen said the adjustments are quite general, and are made to try to equalize those cases where we are the most out of line with comparative cities. He said this is just one step in making the salary scale comparative, and that many of the jobs covered are in other than supervisory jobs.

Councilman Jahn explained that these adjustments were not the general 5% increase, which had been voted at another meeting.

Mr. D'Armitt said their longevity plan would cover everyone, and if it were to begin in January, 1960, it would cost the City about \$31,000 in the next year, only about \$11,000 more than this increase.

Mayor Isen said he did not know where the money would come from for such a plan, and Mr. D'Armitt suggested a 2¢ tax increase.

Councilman Benstead said our tax rate will be increased now to the highest legal level, but Councilmen Blount and Bradford disagreed with him.

Motion to adopt the salary increase adjustments carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Jahn.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale said he had voted no because he favored a 5% increase for everyone in the employ of the City, but he did think this discriminates against those City employees in the lower salary brackets, and he said they are also hurt by the higher cost of living. He did not think anything else fair.

Councilman Benstead agreed with him, saying that was his reason for voting against this.

Mayor Isen felt these adjustments, after the 5% general increase, will give some of the people from 8% to 12% increases, and he felt this too much.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that these increases are quite general, saying there are about 100 adjustments, of which only about 25 are in the higher groups.

The City Manager agreed with Councilman Beasley, and said about half of the adjustments are in the Fire and Police Departments, and all of them are not for supervisory employees.

The City Manager said he thought that by the time of the meeting tomorrow, it would be possible to have the salary sheets corrected to show the proposed salaries as they will be under this motion and the one granting the general 5% increase.

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the hearing on:

C-3 SOLELY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT: Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on an Ordinance repealing Section 10-X entitled "C-3 Solely Commercial District" of Appendix I (The Land Use Ordinance) of "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954", and substituting a new provision therefor relating to the same zone and establishing permissible uses, building height limits and lot area therein.

He asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Upon motion by Councilman Jahn, seconded by Councilman Beasley, this was accepted and ordered filed.

Councilman Jahn moved this Hearing be closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 8:35 P. M.

Mayor Isen and the City Attorney discussed the proposed ordinance covering this, and the City Attorney said it is in form.

In reply to a question from Councilman Drale, Mr. McKinnon, Asst. Supt. of Bldg., said the height limit of a residential building is 35'. He said there is no limit on commercial or industrial buildings.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1113

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 10-X ENTITLED "C-3 SOLELY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT" OF APPENDIX I (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW PROVISION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME ZONE AND ESTABLISHING PERMISSIBLE USES, BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITS AND LOT AREA THEREIN.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1113.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1113 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for: C-R ZONE RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL: Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on an Ordinance amending Appendix I (The Land Use Ordinance) of "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954" by repealing Section 14 thereof relating to controlled zoning and adding thereto a new Section 10-Z creating Zone C-R, Restricted Commercial, enumerating the uses permitted therein and establishing regulations therefore.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Upon motion by Councilman Jahn, seconded by Councilman Beasley, this was ordered accepted and filed.

Mayor Isen said this was before the Council in brief form only, and asked if anyone present wished to be heard about it.

There were no replies.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Council discussed this proposed Ordinance with Planning Director Powell, who said this ordinance would probably be used only in areas which are mainly residential.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Attorney to be put into proper form.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. A June 18, 1959, letter from Planning Director Powell requested the Council to fix a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on CASE NO. 575, petition of Getty Oil Co. for a Change of Zone from M-2 to R-1, R-3 and C-2 on a portion of Tract 2200, situated southerly of Sepulveda Blvd. and westerly of Crenshaw Blvd., for residential and commercial development.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and place of that Hearing as:

8:00 P. M. Tuesday, July 14, 1959.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Councilmen could be given copies of a map on this, and Mr. Powell replied that maps in color are being prepared.

2. With a cover letter dated June 18, 1959, the Planning Director submitted an Ordinance reclassifying the property in Planning Commission Case No. 569, as approved by the Council unanimously with all members present at the meeting of June 16, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1114

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 569.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1114.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1114 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn left the meeting at 8:40 P. M.

3. With a cover letter dated June 4, 1959, the Planning Director submitted an Ordinance reclassifying the property in Planning Commission Case No. 570, a Change of Zone previously approved by the Council by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1115

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 570.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1115.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Councilman Blount moved to approve Ordinance No. 1115 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The City Attorney told the Council that there will be a Final Tract Map on this property before the Council very shortly. One of the conditions imposed on the Tentative Tract Map had been that the subdivider acquire 10' outside of this Tract for the southerly part of 231st Street. The subdivider, Robert Jahn, has not been able to acquire that land because the owner will not sell. Mr. Jahn has agreed to pay the costs of condemnation of the land for street purposes if the Council feels the land is needed. It has been our policy in the past to follow this course of action where land is needed for street purposes.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Attorney be authorized to proceed with the condemnation of the 10' southerly of the 27' dedication by the subdivider, for street purposes, with the stipulation that the subdivider pay the costs of the condemnation as has been our policy in the past.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letters of protest against the discontinuance of bus service from the following were received:
  - a. Olivia Jones, 1414 Cravens Ave., Torrance;
  - b. Mrs. Jane Betts, 677 So. Burlington Ave., Los Angeles;
  - c. Mrs. Richard F. Cipra (no address);
  - d. Mrs. Clara E. Litzinger, 18326 Patronella, Torrance;
  - e. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Boice, 1823½ Cabrillo, Torrance;
  - f. Mrs. Beatrice M. Bundy, 1825 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance;
  - g. Mrs. Lois Lisoni, 2004 Andreo, Torrance;
  - h. Mrs. John L. Brown, 1605 Cota Ave., Torrance.

There were no objections, and these items were all ordered filed.

Councilman Jahn returned to the meeting at 8:45 P. M.

2. A letter from Mrs. John Driesler, 5114 Pacific Coast Highway, recorded her request that firemen, policemen, and other city employees should be paid at least equal to the wages of Los Angeles City and County, and said she would be willing to pay more taxes for this purpose.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed.

3. A June 15, 1959, letter from Mrs. Eve Bisou, Pres., Southwest Park Civic Association, transmitted their support of a Special Park & Recreation bond election to the people of the City of Torrance.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed.

4. A June 18, 1959, letter from Aeronca Manufacturing Corp., Longren-California Division, 24751 So. Crenshaw, submitted a copy of their plan for a driveway for access to parking space, easements for which have been obtained from Hi-Shear and Sheridan-Gray. They asked that the Council approve this plan and the easements. The City Manager had a copy of the Plot Plan, (Identification No. 2), for inspection.

Airport Manager Egan requested that the Council reserve the right for the City's service vehicles to use this access road if permission for it is granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the construction and easements as submitted, reserving the right for the City's service vehicles to use the road.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

With a cover letter dated June 19, 1959, the City Manager submitted to the Council for their consideration and approval the following miscellaneous recommendations:

"EXPENDITURES:

- a. To Laurence J. Thompson for engineering services on the Street Lighting District No. 1 and Street Lighting District No. 2, the sum of \$2,163.50 (billings submitted w/letter of approval from W. E. Peebles, Dir. of Public Works).
- b. To Torrance Desk & Office Equipment Co. for the purchase of furniture for the Traffic Division in the Police Dept., the sum of \$781.82. This furniture matches the existing furniture in the Police Dept., which was purchased originally as the low bid on such items (Budget item).
- c. To Moore Business Forms, low bidder, for the purchase of 100,000 Rubbish Postcards, the sum of \$436.64.
- d. Final approval: I recommend final approval of Carson St. from Hawthorne Blvd. to Juniper Ave. and that final payment be made, in the amount of \$8,136.09, with the exception of the 10% retained (June 17, 1959, memo to W. E. Peebles, Dir. of Public Works, approved by him, submitted recommending this).  
Mr. Ahern of Norwalk Asphaltic Concrete, Inc., contends that final approval for this job was given by the Engineering Dept. approximately 60 days ago, and therefore, feels that the complete payment should be made at this time."

Mayor Isen asked if any of the Councilmen wished to take any of the items from the City Manager under 'Expenditures' separately. Councilman Beasley asked that Item d be voted on separately. Councilman Jahn moved to concur on Items a, b, and c as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen, on Item 2.

Item d was mentioned by Councilman Beasley, who said the only way he would vote to concur with this was through court action. He felt he could not approve this, and said he would not vote to pay for the work unless ordered to do so by a court.

Councilman Jahn asked the Director of Public Works if the \$8,136.09 included any extras or if it was just the final payment on the contract.

The Director of Public Works replied that Mr. Ahern had submitted this final bill, and the money is the final payment. The Director of Public Works wished to retain 10% of the contract, or about \$7,000, for 35 days, the legal period allowed after approval of this by the Council.

In reply to a question, the Director of Public Works said he had checked and we do owe this money.

Councilman Blount asked how we could retain the 10% for 35 days, and the City Attorney explained to him that this clause is in each of our Public Works contracts to allow time for checking, etc., before final payment is made.

The Finance Director, Mr. J. I. Scharfman, explained that this 10% is held for 35 days from the date of Council approval, under our standard contract, and then the payment of the bill is automatic.

Councilman Jahn asked if we get a waiver of all further lien rights in such cases, and moved that this become a standard clause in our contracts.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

The motion was ordered carried.

In reply to questions, Mr. Scharfman said we would retain the \$7,000 under discussion until 35 days from today if the Council does accept this job tonight.

Councilman Benstead asked how much of this is for extras, and was told that \$1720 was.

Mayor Isen asked how it can be arranged for the payment of the \$7,000 to require special approval of the Council and come back here before it is paid, and Mr. Scharfman said by giving him such an instruction.

The Mayor instructed Mr. Scharfman to see that this was done.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that Item d be paid, and out of that money that 10% of the total contract be retained for 35 days and upon receipt of the general contractor's demand at that time, be paid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Isen.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

"MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. The Council asked me some time ago to determine the price of an approximate 5-acre parcel of land in the Victor Precinct as a possible park site. It has been determined that the fair market value of property in this area is approximately \$15,000 per acre, with an additional \$2,000 per acre necessary to obtain surface rights (sketch submitted).
- b. It has been officially established that the population of Torrance was 96,993 as of April 2, 1959.
- c. I have received a proposal from Tio Vivo Developers for the development of the approximately nine acres at Crenshaw and 101 Highway. Does the Council care to consider such proposals at this time?"

Councilman Jahn moved to file Item a under Miscellaneous. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn moved to file Item b. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Re Item c, Councilman Jahn said he understood this to be a new proposal, and asked if this were true.

The City Manager said this is a new proposal, and answered a question by saying it could be placed on the next Agenda.

Councilman Drale felt it had been agreed not to receive any new proposals on this.

Councilman Jahn said it had been moved to file the proposals received at that time, and a motion not to receive any new bids on this had failed.

Councilman Jahn moved this proposal be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council so it can be considered.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen was of the opinion we have been missing something as he felt there is no reason why the City cannot lease the 150' x 150' corner there to a major gasoline company for a service station, and then lease the rest of the 9 acres to a developer.

Councilman Jahn recalled that there had been a difference of opinion on this before, and the motion to do that had lost. He believed it would be a real mistake not to consider this or any other bid on the property. If this is a bona fide offer and looks good, he wanted to consider it.

Councilman Drale said he could not understand this, that they had given us a proposal last time and the Council had refused it and had thrown out all those bids.

Mayor Isen wanted to amend the motion to add the following: 'and any other proposals which may be offered at this time'.

Councilman Blount said he could not understand the disagreement about this; all he had seconded was a motion to see the proposal. He could see nothing wrong with looking at the proposal.

Councilman Drale said the proposal they had submitted before was the worst we had, and he could not see any reason to give them the opportunity to re-submit.

Councilman Blount said we are not denying the same opportunity to anyone, and said he would like to see the proposal.

Councilman Beasley moved the question.

Mayor Isen ordered the motion carried, with the comment that his amendment had lost for lack of a second, and the Council would look at any other proposals as well as this one.

"CONTRACTS:

- a. That the contract for Legal Advertising be awarded to the Torrance Herald for the fiscal year 1959-60 at the same rate as last year (copy of contract and proposal submitted).

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. The City Manager recommended approval of the Civil Service Board's recommendation for continuation of the agreement with Louis J. Kroeger for Personnel Services for the fiscal year 1959-60, in accordance with the attached proposal.

Councilman Benstead asked if we do not get bids on this at one price regardless of the number of examinations ordered, and the City Manager replied that we do not.

City Manager Stevens went on to say that this is almost the same contract under which we have worked for the past year. We are finally getting the type of examination we want. The Civil Service Board felt we should stay with them for another year to see if we can work this out.

Councilman Jahn noted on the proposal, a copy of which was submitted, that there are planned both written tests and oral interviews. He had heard much ridicule of these, and asked if the City Manager is satisfied that they are doing a good job on these.

The City Manager said we are working more toward getting the type of examination we want. It is hard to get an examination everyone will be happy with, but we have more and more voice on important jobs.

Councilman Beasley thought that, as the employer in this case, we should be able to get what we want.

The City Manager said it was considered to make a change this year, but the Civil Service Board recommended staying with them for another year. He reminded the Council we had left the contract with the County because we had not been satisfied with their service.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation to continue our agreement with Louis J. Kroeger for another year.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, who requested that these comments of the Council, as reflected in the Minutes of this meeting, be sent to them with the contract so they would be aware of the dissatisfaction of the Council.

Motion failed to carry by the following tied vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

During the roll call, and before the Mayor voted, Councilman Bradford expressed dissatisfaction with the slowness of this service.

Mr. Bone, the Assistant City Manager, reported that he had looked into several other bids as well as this one; Mr. Kroeger and a new man in his employ have both been invited to come down and work with our people more.

Councilman Blount said it had not been our policy to accept reports during a roll call.

Councilman Drale suggested holding this for a week or two.

Mayor Isen said he would accept Mr. Bone's report, and said he understood that Mr. Gold, who used to be with Kroeger, has started a similar service. He did not know what Mr. Gold could furnish us, but said he would like to know.

Mayor Isen ABSTAINED from voting on this motion, saying he would do so until the Council has a report on what service Mr. Gold could furnish.

Councilman Benstead suggested we investigate what the State can give us, and Councilman Jahn reported this must be renewed by July 1.

After further brief discussion, Mayor Isen ordered this back on the next Agenda.

At 9:10 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:20 P. M.

Councilman Beasley did not re-join the meeting at 9:20 P. M.

Mayor Isen directed that the Addenda to the Agenda be taken at this time.

I-5: With a letter dated June 23, 1959, Don Wilson, 2918 West Compton Blvd., Gardena, reported he had not been able to effect a trade with the Kauffman Estate of their interests in the Bishop Montgomery sump and/or the Ocean Avenue sump. For that reason, he enclosed a cashiers check in the amount of \$30,948 which, together with the amount of \$7,647 which has already been paid, totals \$38,595, payment in full of the park fees due for Tract 22228. Mr. Wilson requested release of his bond the City holds to insure said payment.

Councilman Jahn moved the payment be accepted and we concur with the request.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Beasley absent).

Councilman Blount moved this money be put in the Park & Recreation Fund, in the fund entitled 'Improvements & Acquisition'.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

J-3: With a June 23, 1959, letter, the City Manager recommended that the Council approve the plans and specifications for the construction of a reinforced concrete conduit and appurtenant work, for Dominguez Channel, from Gramercy Place to Redondo Beach Blvd.,

in the City of Torrance and the County of Los Angeles, California.

The City Manager also recommended that authorization be granted to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to proceed with the construction as described therein, and permission be given to the District to occupy and use the public streets in the City of Torrance to operate and maintain said installations upon their completion.

{24.431-Laguna Dominguez Flood Control System,  
{Dominguez Channeel,  
{Gramercy Place to Redondo Beach Blvd.,  
{Transmittal of Specifications.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Beasley absent).

J-4: With a letter dated June 23, 1959, the City Manager reported that:

"In order to expedite the repair on Arlington Avenue south of 190th Street, the Public Works Department requests that an appropriation in the amount of \$1,421.20 be made for removal of dirt from the site and for re-compaction of the base.

"This work is being expedited so that the City may take advantage of its contract prices for base and paving materials, which expires June 30, 1959."

A copy of two requests on this was attached.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Beasley absent).

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. With a letter dated June 18, 1959, the Civil Service Board submitted their recommendation that a leave of absence for a period of three months be granted to Mary E. Bell, Account Clerk in the Water Department.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Beasley absent).

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A June 9, 1959, letter submitted by the Gospel Workers of America, signed by Don C. Spring, President, was submitted.

License Inspector Whitacre told the Council these people had requested today that this be removed from the Agenda.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

##### Public Works Matters:

1. With a memo to the City Manager, the Director of Public Works submitted a proposed contract with the firm of Kobeig & Kobeig, contractors, for completion of the 4 storm drain projects as set forth under the County Bond issue. In the letter, the Director of Public Works expressed grave concern that we have not progressed with this, and said he believed that this firm would give us the quality, timing and service he would demand. He stated he believed the fees set forth in the proposed contract are most satisfactory, and that they would handle all four of the contracts rather than farming them out to several firms, because of the simplicity, organization and supervision.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that this involved a quarter of a million dollars, and said he would like to know several things before this is decided; he would especially like to know a lot about the Walteria Lake area. He would like to know where that sump will be. He would like to talk to the people we will deal with. He was a little concerned about the people, asking what would happen on our jobs if they got a big contract with the freeway. He said he would not vote on this until he had more information.

Mayor Isen thought the Director of Public Works had been contacted by several engineering firms on this, and he believed the Council should go by the recommendation of the Department Head in such a case.

Councilman Jahn said we usually go to bid on such large jobs. He said he felt more or less in agreement with Councilman Beasley. He felt the Council should have a chance to see these people and get an idea of their services. He thought the City Manager, the Director of Public Works, and members of the Council should get together and go over this and the second and third choices as well. He did not feel that anything this large should go out on just one recommendation when it has not gone to bid.

The Director of Public Works said that in discussing this with the various engineers, the time element had been considered, as well as the priority which would be given to the City. The City was considered first in everything. In the preliminary contract, the time element would be considered.

Councilman Beasley asked how we could do this without a sump location being chosen, and Mr. Peebles said this would be a part of the work to be done, and the engineers will work with the Flood Control District, the City, and the pertinent parties in all ways.

Mr. Peebles, the Director of Public Works, went on to say he had been in close contact with the Flood Control people, and they are waiting for us to do the engineering or let it out, so we can discuss the probable locations.

Councilman Benstead asked if the County had not made bore tests to see which location in the Walteria Lake area would be best for the sump, and the City Manager said that had been done before the new Director of Public Works came here.

City Manager Stevens suggested that if the Council wished, a Committee of the Council be appointed to meet with him and the Director of Public Works and the engineering firm to get the information they would like to have.

Councilman Blount said he wished to proceed with this project, but is in agreement with Councilman Beasley. This is a large sum of money. The Councilmen are not engineers, but he suggested that Mr. Peebles list the firms he had contacted, and give his reasons for choosing this firm over each of them, so the Council would have some assurance that it will get a good job done.

Councilman Bradford had read the proposed contract, and he said there was nothing wrong with it; it is a big company with a good reputation, and he knew that the Director of Public Works had made contact with other firms on this.

Councilman Drale asked if this could go to bid, and the Director of Public Works said it would be against his recommendation to do so because the reputable engineering firms will refuse to bid.

Councilman Drale asked if this is a public works project, and the City Attorney replied that he would have to check the law to be sure whether or not this would be so defined under the law. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there might be a question as to whether engineering would be within that legal definition.

Mr. Peebles said he knew of only 2 or 3 cities which have gone to bid under this bond issue.

Councilman Drale pointed out that we are governed by the Charter on this.

The City Attorney repeated that he was not sure whether this comes within the purview of that section, even though it is a public works project.

Mr. Peebles told the Council the County determines how much can be paid to the engineers under their fee schedules.

Councilman Beasley said we had been told that we had an allotment, and if we save money in this we will be able to use it.

Mr. Peebles said that is on the construction cost.

Councilman Jahn referred to Page 3, and said there is a time schedule set up under Item 5 which says the 'final plans and specifications and costs will be submitted - -' etc. He then expressed his deep concern as to whether or not, when the corrections sheets come back from the County, if these people are doing the work, they would speed the corrections along so there would be no delay. He thought we should have a time set in which they should make those corrections, or perhaps have whoever does this work do it by working very closely with the Flood Control District so there would not be many corrections. He said that period of time could hold the projects back.

Mr. Peebles said that the Flood Control has established a policy under the recent bond issue that plans will be numbered as they come in, and they will be worked in that order. He did not see how such a requirement as this could be written into a contract. The Flood Control District will let out only so many contracts at a time, because if all these are let at once it would make the prices too high.

Councilman Jahn said when the corrections lists are made by the County and sent back to the engineers, so the corrections can be made, if we do not have a statement as to how long it will be until that work is completed, it could take a lot of time. He felt we need a time limit on the corrections, and he wanted it specified in the contract.

Mr. Peebles said under the bond issue, the engineer is not paid until the Flood Control District approves the plans. It would be very expensive for the engineer to finance a group of plans this expensive, because he would not get final payment until the corrections are made and approved.

Councilman Beasley said the selection of a site for the sump in WALTERIA Lake involves many decisions, i.e., full development of the land, uses of the land, street patterns in the area, etc. All those things will be of great interest to the City Council. He felt the engineers could accommodate themselves to the wishes of the Council in many of these respects.

Mr. Peebles said when this was discussed with the engineers, it had been pointed out to them they would have to work very closely with Planning and that before the plans are accepted, they will be presented to the Council for their approval.

Councilman Jahn wanted a Committee of the Council to meet with the engineers.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Beasley expressed his deep interest in the WALTERIA Lake area, and said he wants to be sure that work is going to be done right. He wants the collective judgment of several people on this.

Mayor Isen said the Council was in agreement on this. He did not know the firm recommended, but he knew there had been a lot of lobbying for this work. He said he would trust Mr. Peebles in this matter, as Mr. Peebles is a trained expert in his own field. The Mayor felt we should rely upon the various recommendations of the Department Heads.

Councilman Jahr pointed out that this is a tremendous responsibility to put on one man; he thought that it would probably be unfair to Mr. Peebles to have him make this decision alone.

Mr. Peebles felt this was a part of his job responsibility, and said he had dealt with this firm in the past. He did feel, in the best interests of the Council, that a Committee should meet and discuss this with the top two or three who had worked on this.

Mr. Peebles said he had made his recommendation strictly on the basis of the Flood Control work.

Councilman Beasley said he wanted to know more about this.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said he would recommend this. He has known the firm for about 35 years, and they are specialists in sewer and storm drain work. They are doing the work on this for Redondo Beach, and we tie into one of their drains. They are a reputable firm. The City Manager concurred with Mr. Peebles, but felt it would be well for a Committee to meet with him and Mr. Peebles and the engineers to discuss this.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Jahn.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount, until he knew more about this.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved the agreement be amended to include a time element between the date of submission to the County Flood Control for checking and the date the corrections are listed and the reworking of those given back to the Flood Control District.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

Councilman Bradford said it would be most difficult to set such a time limit.

Councilman Jahn thought Mr. Peebles could determine an equitable time limit.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen suggested that Councilman Beasley chair a Committee of the Council to discuss this with management and the engineers, but Councilman Beasley said he could not do this right now.

2. With a June 18, 1959, memorandum, the Director of Public Works asked for a clarification of policy on improvement of streets dedicated to the City. He had reference to a June 10, 1959, letter to him from Planning Director Powell about this, and submitted copies of that letter.

Councilman Jahn said when a commercial project is contemplated, it has been required that they give us the land for street widening, put in the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and we pave the street. The City Manager agreed.

Planning Director Powell agreed that applies to commercial developments; he said in residential areas, we need to continue the existing streets as outlined in his letter to Mr. Peebles.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the letter.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Building Department Matters:

3. With a June 19, 1959, memorandum, Lee Schlens, Supt. of the Building Department, reported a request from Property Management Corp. to erect a sign (billboard) at the NW corner of Arlington and 190th Street. They have permission from the owners of the land, and will post a bond in the amount of \$500 for the removal of the sign within 6 months or the extension thereto. Mr. Schlens recommended that the building permit be granted for this.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation from Mr. Schlens.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Engineering Matters:

4. With a letter dated June 17, 1959, the Director of Public Works submitted the following easements for the construction of the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3:

Easements located in Block "L", Tract No. 10302:

- a) For a portion of Lot 28, given by Samuel D. Farber and Ester Farber; document dated June 11, 1959;
- b) For portions of Lots 31 and 32, given by Alfred B. Crommelin and Emily H. Crommelin; document dated June 11, 1959;

Easements in Block "I", Tract No. 10304:

- a) Portion of Lot 18, granted by John A. Langton and Mary R. Langton; document dated June 9, 1959;
- b) Portion of Lot 23, from Theodore J. Bartz and Norma J. Bartz; document dated May 29, 1959;
- c) Portion of Lot 24, from Irving Klugman and Betty L. Klugman; document dated June 8, 1959;
- d) Portion of Lot 26, from Kingsley C. Drone and Dorris E. Drone; document dated June 8, 1959;
- e) Portion of Lot 28, from James B. Waller and Shirley E. Waller; document dated April 3, 1959;
- f) Portion of Lot 29, from Robert A. Johnson and Hazel P. Johnson; document dated April 3, 1959;
- g) Portion of Lot 32, from John Absolum Kincannon, Jr., and Phyllis A. Kincannon; document dated June 8, 1959;
- h) Portion of Lot 34, from Jango Nishimine and Eugenia Nishimine; document dated April 21, 1959;
- i) Portion of Lot 40, from Norman B. Owen and Emma A. Owen; document dated June 8, 1959;

Easements in Block "K", Tract No. 10304:

- a) Portion of Lot 13, from Russell Taylor and Cynthia Taylor; document dated June 10, 1959;
- b) Portion of Lot 17, from Adolph H. Noeth and Grace F. Noeth; document dated June 2, 1959;
- c) Portion of Lot 22, from Thos. L. McCarthy and Dorcas B. McCarthy; document dated June 3, 1959;
- d) Portion of Lot 23, from John J. Jongsma and Elizabeth Jongsma; document dated June 1, 1959;
- e) Portion of Lot 24, from Robert J. Cavanaugh and Jean O. Cavanaugh; document dated May 1, 1959;
- f) Portion of Lot 25, from Gordon C. Shields and Dorothy S. Shields; document dated April 3, 1959;

Easements in Block "L", Tract No. 10304:

- a) Portion of Lot 5, being given by William A. Loftus and Kathlyn W. Loftus; document dated April 3, 1959;

Continued:

Easements in Block "L", Tract No. 10304:

- b) Portion of Lot 11, given by Leonard Herron and Doris P. Herron; document dated April 4, 1959;
- c) Portion of Lot 18, from Herbert W. Shirley and Marie C. Shirley; document dated April 4, 1959;
- d) Portion of Lot 19, from Frederick L. Buxton and Helen B. Buxton; document dated June 8, 1959;
- e) Portion of Lot 23, from Catharine H. Beaver and Donald P. Beaver; document dated April 30, 1959;
- f) Portion of Lot 25, from Andrew Keir and Annie Taylor Keir; by document dated May 26, 1959;
- g) Portion of Lot 26, from John R. Doyle and Rheda P. Doyle; document dated May 1, 1959;
- h) Portion of Lot 27, from Raymond E. Shore and T. LaVede Shore; document dated May 1, 1959.

Outline of the proposed district was submitted with the easements.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept these easements as submitted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

5. With a June 16, 1959, cover letter, the Director of Public Works submitted an easement deed, containing conditions, as follows:

- a) Portion of Lot 36, Block "I" in Tract No. 10304, from Darrell M. Booth and Ludmela S. Booth, for the installation of a sanitary sewer line in proposed Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3.

A resolution to implement the acceptance of this was submitted with the easement.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3720

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM DARRELL M. BOOTH AND LUDMELA S. BOOTH.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of this Resolution, and that after the City Clerk had assigned a number to and read the title of any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in the regular order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3720.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated June 3, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation that the assignment of the Johnson lease to Mr. Nagel, with an exchange of land, as outlined also recommended.

Councilman Jahn said he had noted in the Minutes that mention had been made of an iron fence, and asked if it would be here.

Airport Manager Egan said it was, and would be a corrugated iron fence.

Councilman Benstead expressed his opposition to such a fence anywhere in Torrance and especially on the airport.

Councilman Blount agreed, but thought this would be a needed improvement for this operation, and added that Mr. Nagel has a good reputation and will be a fine addition to the airport.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would be a 8' fence, and if it could be specified that this is to be of new material, properly braced and maintained.

It was agreed those specifications should be made.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the airport commission, and that the fence be an 8' fence, properly braced, built of new material, and properly maintained.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale,  
Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, because of the fence.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A June 18, 1959, letter from Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, reported that Commissioner Ralph Morris will be on vacation and has asked to be excused from the next two meetings of the Commission, June 27 and July 8. The Commission approved the request and recommended its approval by the Council.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the recommendation for approval.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

#### REPORTS:

1. The Office of the City Clerk reported that a Summons and Complaint was received there on June 18, 1959, on Case No. 9929, the action of Margot Lyric Alvidrez Daviatt against the City of Torrance et al for alleged injuries and damages resulting from accident involving Torrance Municipal Bus on June 11, 1958. This has been referred to the City Attorney.

NOTE: This claim was denied by the City Council on September 16, 1958.

2. The Office of the City Clerk reported that the reports of the General Manager and Chief Engineer and the Controller for the Metropolitan Water District for the month of May, 1959, are on file in that office.

At 9:55 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 10:05 P. M.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution amending the leases No. 1 and No. 2 between the City and Jefferson, Inc., was submitted, with copies of the agreements, as amended, appended thereto.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney what this would do, and the City Attorney explained that under these amended agreements, there would be only a change in the amount of land sub-leased to Foods Markets and the amount leased to Jefferson, Inc. No change in income will result from this.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3721

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF "ASSIGNMENT AND RELINQUISHMENT OF PORTION OF DEMISED PREMISES" AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN SET FORTH THE EXECUTION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FOLLOWING LEASE AMENDMENTS: (1) AMENDMENT TO LEASE ENTITLED "AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 1", BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS LESSOR, AND SCHWARTZ TORRANCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, A CORPORATION, AS LESSEE; AND (2) AMENDMENT TO LEASE ENTITLED "AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 2", BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS LESSOR, AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED, A CORPORATION, AS LESSEE.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3721. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, who did not think this was fair.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale amplified his statement by saying he understood they had a lease almost completely negotiated when this came through.

Mayor Isen told the City Attorney that he felt the passage of this resolution should be contingent upon receipt of the \$250 for fees for the City Attorney's office, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen pointed out that he believed the City Attorney's office could and should be bringing in several thousand dollars a year as payment for services for interested parties.

2. Mr. William Becker, representing Aeronca Mfg. Corp., came forward to tell the Council that the Resolution to come before them at this time had to do with property for parking lots for their employees. They had agreed to the terms as imposed by the Airport Commission, but had hoped that by making an appeal to the Council they would get the land for the rental they pay for their present lease, which is \$200 per acre per year.

The Council discussed this with Mr. Becker at some length.

Mr. Becker said his company hopes that the escalator clause can be removed from this lease, even though they did agree to it and know it is a term of our standard leases.

It was brought out that this land is to be leased by them at a rate of \$435 per acre per year.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3722

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AIRPORT LEASE WITH AERONCA MANUFACTURING CORPORATION, INC.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3722, with no changes from the material submitted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3723

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2279 RELATING TO METER RATES WITHIN THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S LIMITS.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3723. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Jahn, Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

4. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3724

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3724. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated June 17, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1100, unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at its first reading on June 16, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1100

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1100 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a cover letter dated June 18, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1101, unanimously approved, all Councilmen present, at its first reading on June 16, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1101

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 18.8 AND 18.14 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO DRINKING AND DRUNKENNESS IN PUBLIC PLACES, AND ADDING ARTICLE II TO CHAPTER 18 MAKING UNLAWFUL DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES, DRUNKENNESS IN PUBLIC PLACES, BEING THE SOLE OCCUPANT OF, OR BEING IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, WHILE IN AN INTOXICATED CONDITION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1101 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Attorney read title to each of the Ordinance shown hereafter, unless specifically stated otherwise.

ORDINANCE NO. 1102

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW CHAPTER 16 ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING, TAXATION AND REGULATION OF BUSINESSES AND TRADES IN THE CITY.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1102.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1102 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1103

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 12 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", ENTITLED "FIREWORKS" IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND PLACING SAID PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 16 OF SAID CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1104

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 20 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "PAWNBROKERS", AND PLACING SAID PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1105

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING APPENDIX V OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES IN LICENSING CHAPTER" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

ORDINANCE NO. 1106

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 27.2, 27.29, 27.30, 27.32, 27.34, 27.37 AND 27.40 OF CHAPTER 27 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERMIT TO OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE, REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A TAXICAB DRIVER'S PERMIT, AND THE DURATION OF PERMITS AND LICENSE FEES, AND PLACING THE PROVISIONS THEREFOR IN CHAPTER 16 OF SAID CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1107

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 28.15, 28.16, 28.17, 28.19 AND 28.20 OF CHAPTER 28 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO DURATION OF LICENSE FOR TRAILERS, AUTO AND TRAILER PARKS, PENALTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF LICENSE FEE, ISSUANCE AND TRANSFER OF LICENSE AND DISPOSITION OF MONIES COLLECTED, AND PLACING THE PROVISIONS THEREFOR IN CHAPTER 16 OF SAID CODE; AND REPEALING SECTION 28.14 RELATING TO PERMIT AND LICENSE FEE FOR TRAILERS, AUTO AND TRAILER PARKS AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR.

ORDINANCE NO. 1108

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 31 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "CASTING OF SOUND OVER THE PUBLIC STREETS", AND PLACING THE PROVISIONS THEREFOR IN CHAPTER 16 OF SAID CODE.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinances No. 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, and 1108, at their second and final readings.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney about the one of these which concerns taxicabs, and asked whether it eliminated the requirement for public hearings on issuance of licenses, but the City Attorney said only the licensing section is here; he agreed to go over it with the pertinent department heads very soon, but said he had changed only the licensing provision.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1109

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLES II, III AND IV OF CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO IMPOSING A CITY SALES AND USE TAX, AND PLACING THE PROVISIONS THEREOF IN CHAPTER 31 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE PERFORMANCE BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF ALL FUNCTIONS INCIDENT TO THE ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION AND COLLECTION OF THE SALES AND USE TAX HEREBY IMPOSED.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1109.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1109 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1110

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 14.5 OF CHAPTER 14 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR HEALTH PERMIT, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT AND PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION FEE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1111

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 20 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", ENTITLED "PUBLIC DANCE HALLS", PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF PUBLIC DANCES AND DANCE HALLS IN THE CITY AND THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THEREFOR; AND REPEALING SECTION 18.7 OF CHAPTER 18 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION OF DANCE HALLS AND PLACING THE PROVISIONS THEREOF IN THE NEW CHAPTER 20 OF SAID CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1112

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING TO CHAPTER 18 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", SECTION 18.38 ENTITLED "TATTOOING-PROHIBITED", AND SECTION 18.39 ENTITLED "FORTUNE TELLING, ASTROLOGY, PALMISTRY, HYPNOTISM, ETC.-PROHIBITED."

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinances No. 1110, 1111, and 1112 at their second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. The City Attorney said the next Ordinance, No. 1116, was here because of Councilman Beasley's request on sumps. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1116

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 19 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "OIL CODE", AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER; REQUIRING A LICENSE WITH BOND TO DRILL OIL WELLS OR ERECT DERRICKS; REGULATING OIL WELL DRILLING AND THE ERECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF DERRICKS; PROHIBITING OIL WELL SUMPS; AND ESTABLISHING SAFETY MEASURES FOR DERRICKS AND OIL WELL SITES.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1116 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. The City Attorney reported receipt today of a communication from Mr. Carpenter of the League, saying AB673 is now before the Governor, and it provides that no land belonging to the State can be sold to a City unless it is stated it is to be used only for public purposes. The Mayor of Los Angeles has opposed this, and Mr. Carpenter has asked the cities in the League to write the Governor about this.

It was agreed that the Council did not have time right now to follow up on this.

2. Councilman Beasley read, and handed to the City Manager, a letter from the Dominguez Water Corp., dated April 17, 1959, signed by T. V. Tallon, Gen. Mgr. and Chief Engineer, addressed to Mr. Walter N. Anderson of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3. The letter informed him that the Dominguez Water Corporation had taken no action on the offer to sell the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3, and that it does not appear at this time that they can commit themselves to any further consideration of the offer.

Councilman Jahn asked if we are proceeding with a water district in that area, and the City Attorney said we are.

Mayor Isen, after a comment from Councilman Jahn that we may be damaging property values in the area by not furnishing water, asked the Director of Public Works if we might employ people soon.

Mr. Peebles replied we are getting the examinations set up; the Associate examination has been held, and we are now waiting for the results.

The Mayor thought perhaps we could fill this department without using temporary help.

Mr. Peebles thought the engineering positions would be filled within a month.

Councilman Jahn thought we should get someone in to iron this out.

The City Manager, saying the Council felt this to be an urgent matter, said that perhaps we could use the employees of one of the firms who furnish engineers on a part-time or temporary basis.

It was agreed to do this.

Councilman Bradford said he now knew a local man, whom he named, with about 15 years of experience in engineering lay-out and design work. If we need someone to work, that man is qualified and he suggested we get him to do the job. Councilman Bradford could not understand how it can take so long to get test results.

Councilman Blount asked if we have proceeded in our efforts to get a City Engineer.

The Director of Public Works said we have interviews set up now.

3. Councilman Beasley said in a few days, the fireworks stands will be in operation. He said there are quite a few of them and there have been many rumors about the operations. He asked if the Council would approve use of police personnel to check on the various stands during the time they are open and determine whether they are conforming to the ordinance.

Councilman Bradford thought the Fire Department would take care of that.

Fire Chief Benner said he has set up a special section to check the stands. If any are found in violation, the police will be called at once.

4. Councilman Blount told the Council that, in line with their policy of granting free licenses from time to time to deserving groups, he had such an application tonight from the Torrance Little League. He explained that these boys solicit the area to get people to buy fireworks from the Optimists, who have a licensed fireworks stand. The boys have done this for several years and did not know they were in violation of the law until today.

Councilman Blount moved that the Torrance National Little League be given a free license to solicit from door to door for fireworks sales, saying they do not deliver.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Councilman Benstead reported that there are many people soliciting from door to door who should be checked.

This was referred to the License Inspector, who said he would make an immediate investigation of any report or complaint.

6. Councilman Bradford said the Kiwanis and the Father's Club of the Bishop Montgomery High School have permits for fireworks stands. He understood that members did not plan to operate these, but to employ a representative of the fireworks company, a Mr. Merchant. He asked if this could not be prevented.

License Inspector Whitacre explained in some detail an investigation he had made of these rumors. He added that we will enforce the law, but we must have proof of violation of the law before any action can be taken. Mr. Whitacre had talked to representatives of both these groups, and had been assured the stands would be operated by their members.

Mayor Isen suggested an affidavit be required on this point from them.

Mr. Whitacre said the Ordinance adopted tonight will be very concise on this matter of fireworks and their sale. We must now operate under the present ordinance.

7. Councilman Drale thought everyone was aware that the Harbor Freeway will be extended from Imperial to Highway 101 soon. He thought everyone knew we have been able to get provisions for on-and-off ramps at 190th and at Carson. He believed we should also try to get a ramp at Torrance Boulevard, which will be one of the major streets in the entire area. It is an extension of 208th St., he said, and he believed we should move now on this matter. He moved that the Council go on record now as approving this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

8. Councilman Jahn asked why we had employed a new bus operator.

The City Manager said he thought one had quit and in the summer we usually hire a man to fill in for vacation relief. It had been recommended by the Supt. of the Bus Dept.

9. Mayor Isen suggested to the Council that action be taken now on the nomination of Thomas B. Abrams and John Simpson to succeed themselves in office on the Airport Commission.

The nomination of Mr. Abrams was approved unanimously when the Council was polled.

Councilman Blount referred to the nomination of Mr. Simpson, and said the attendance of Mr. Simpson at the meetings had not been consistent. Mr. Simpson had written a letter to the Council to say his attendance in the future would follow the same pattern. He had nominated Mr. Joe Doss to the Commission, and said Mr. Doss is

the owner of a plane, a licensed pilot, Chairman of Airport Day for the Chamber of Commerce, and could attend the meetings regularly.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Simpson is a very talented man, with an extensive legal background.

Councilman Jahn said while Mr. Simpson is a personal friend and he agreed with the Mayor in his estimate of him, he would have to agree with Councilman Blount in this because Mr. Simpson cannot attend the meetings.

Mr. Tom Abrams of the Airport Commission told the Council Mr. Simpson had been of great help to the Commission in many involved matters.

The nomination failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

10. Mr. Bill Overly of Craft Shows requested permission to conduct a carnival in conjunction with the Shoppers' Market at Crenshaw and Highway 101.

License Inspector Whitacre said this came in too late for the Agenda, and the Council had requested that all such applications come here or go before the Staff. This had been before Staff.

Mr. Peebles said Mr. Powell had talked to an executive of Shoppers' Market, who had not been enthusiastic about this, and who had no knowledge of the plans. However, the chief publicity man of Shoppers' Market had known of the plans.

Mr. Powell said their application for a building permit was made.

This was discussed further, and Mayor Isen informed Mr. Overly that this was here prematurely.

Councilman Dräle said it has been our policy for a long time that we will not allow carnivals and circuses here, as they take too much money out of town. If it is sponsored by a local civic group, he felt the Council could consider it if they wished.

This was discussed further, and Mayor Isen directed Mr. Overly to take this to the Staff and follow all regular procedures.

11. Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12. Councilman Jahn moved to adjourn to 4:30 P. M. Wednesday, June 24, 1959, to discuss the proposed budget.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 P. M.



A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of  
Torrance, California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance